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The Muldrow Register is not giving much attention to claimants to citizenship these days.

On that the Dawes commission had the making of the roll of freedmen is now the universal wish of the Cherokees.

The list of names of claimants whose cases have been decided occupy a very large portion of our space in this issue, and will continue to be printed weekly till all have been disposed of.

The Chieftain will have full weekly reports from Tahlequah during council, and it is the intention to make the letters just as full of interesting matter as possible. Everything that concerns the Cherokee nation will be given full scope in these columns.

The Tahlequah advocate takes THE CHIEFTAIN to task for "sending the impression abroad that the Cherokees are tardy in negotiating with the Dawes commission," and says that "such is not the case." Then the same paper in the very same paragraph proceeds to argue that time is the thing desired. Consistency is said to be a jewel.

The contempt cases against a number of our citizens were summarily dismissed by Judge Watt Starr at Claremore last Monday. This town is not exactly "between the devil and the deep sea," but between Hoodie Bell and Jim Tittle it is constantly on the "rack." But whatever happens the property owners and tax payers will continue to pay the bills.

The grand jury concluded its labors Tuesday afternoon and made its final report to the court. In thanking them for their very efficient work Judge Springer said: "You have more than vindicated the wisdom of congress in enlarging the jurisdiction of your courts, and you have fully demonstrated the fact that law and order can safely be maintained in this country."

One week from next Monday the Cherokee council will assemble in regular session. From present indications questions of vital interest to the nation will be considered, and doubtless be legislated upon. It would be impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy what will be attempted or done, but it is earnestly hoped that no dilatory tactics will be indulged in, but that the "bull" will be taken by the horns.

A VERY commendable silence reigns in a number of newspaper offices in this territory as to the Dawes commission and its work among the Indians. Not many months ago their columns were filled with violent abuse of the commission, and they did everything in their power to prevent its return here last summer, declaring that it was a scheme of Jeff Watts to get the intruders admitted to citizenship. It is with a great deal of pride that this paper refers to its record along that line, for it hailed the creation of the Dawes commission three years ago with the utmost confidence as to the ultimate result. And now the real work of the commission has begun and its work speaks for itself, and it was not over-estimated in any particular.

NO UNDUE DELAY.

The Arrow says it will take at least five years to complete the survey of this country, and longer to allot it. If this is true, the surveyors themselves don't know what they are talking about, and the work they have already done is no criterion as to what is yet to be performed. The above statement, if believed, is misleading and will do harm. The people of the Cherokee nation have a right to know the true status of their affairs, and no man nor newspaper will be able to mislead them much longer. This same Arrow fought the Dawes commission tooth and nail, and was in favor of the national council retaining the sole right to pass upon questions of citizenship. But would it undertake to get its readers to believe that the Dawes commission had not done good service in this matter, and that it was not wise in congress to take the jurisdiction in citizenship cases away from the Cherokee council? It is a little remarkable that the Arrow would undertake to renew the fight and to prolong the time further. There is no wisdom or safety to the Cherokee people in such argument. Twelve or eighteen months at the outside will complete the survey. A complete roster of citizens will have been made by that time, and the intruder will know

where he is "at." Then will be a good time to place every citizen upon his prorate share of the land and not wait for the country to again be filled up with claimants. THE CHIEFTAIN is not urging undue haste, but is apposing undue delay.

More Officers Surely Needed.

DEAR SISTERS:—Some time this summer sister Aleneah Cook insisted earnestly that I bring the Armenian question before the people of this neighborhood. "Can't you have a benefit for their relief?" she asked. I promised I would try.

Now the best way to keep a promise is to fulfill it. One evening in August I talked to the Sunday school about it, and tried to get a collection, but without success as the subject seemed to be new to most of them, and the school was nearly all composed of women and girls that day, and you know they are a poor audience from which to make a collection. Then an entertainment was talked of. I took sick with the fever a few days after and was not able to do until last Sunday week, when the Armenian question was discussed again, and it was settled that it being a relief fund and owing to my recent illness which prevented me from attending at night that the next Sunday evening we would take a lunch there consisting of pie and cake, and the proceeds go to the Armenians.

On the appointed time after Sunday school, just as several couples of young ladies and gentlemen were being seated to eat, two men walked swiftly into the house, one sat down for a few minutes. As more were starting to eat one of them sprang to his feet and called a halt to the proceedings, told the young people not to eat nor pay a cent 'til they heard from him. Such a tirade against the Armenians and the workers never was heard before. He said Armenia didn't need it; that the great want and suffering was only an exaggeration, and Armenia had never had a dollar of the money that had been collected already from the people. When I made a protest that he stop talking and that he was breaking a public meeting, as a panic was in evidence, and I denounced his right to come there, and his conduct unfit to be at a church or school house, he told me I was trying to act like a man and that it was none of my business what he did; he was a free citizen.

Now I consider it a compliment to think that as I was presiding over the meeting, that I was intelligent enough to act like a man and try to stop him—not a drunk or a man like him, but like the men that the foundations of this government rest on. I looked around at my Sunday school boys and knew that I was safe from even the tap of a pencil which he shook violently at me. I tell you sisters, men, real men, are the ones we owe the protection of our good names today.

Why, when I told that fellow that Judge McClure lived over in Vinita, it acted like soothing syrup. Judge Parker may have faults, he may be severe, but I shall save my powers for him and other such men who uphold the protection of women rather than give them to the criminal.

Well, that fellow paraded around and talked 'till he saw there was no use. One of the boys "lighted the lamps, and he blurted out to go ahead and eat and pay off the Temple debt at Chicago. They did eat except him; he was "full" already.

Now sisters, I have been told so many times that it did not concern the women of the W. C. T. U. who drank. Did that concern me? This man, minus the gallons of poisonous liquor he has consumed in the last twelve or fifteen years, would doubtless be an ornament to society.

"Oh that a man would put something into his mouth that would steal away his brains!" Sisters we cannot appreciate too highly the editors of THE CHIEFTAIN and Fryer Creek Review, who have recently published in their papers that no saloon law shall come into the Indian Territory.

Mrs. JULETTA JORDAN, Oct. 12, 1896. Ruby, I. T.

A Costly Experience.

T. W. Triplett, of Tahlequah, I. T., clerk of the district court there, who is a guest at the Midland, lost \$1,100 somewhere Monday night while out looking about over the city with some friends whom he met here. He brought the money to bet on the election of McKinley. He was looking for some bet, and made several acquaintances and indulged in some conviviality Monday evening early. During the evening he went to the hotel, where he left his watch and a small sum of money for safe keeping. He was advised to leave all he carried, but did not do so, and he spent most of the night with his friends. Yesterday when he awoke he was unable to find the large roll he wanted to bet, but had a hazy recollection of having deposited it with some friends with whom he spent a portion of the night, but is entirely unable to locate the friend or his place of business, and is of the opinion he is out that amount. The police are of the opinion he was made the victim of alleged friends.—Kansas City Journal.

Washburn's Mill Burned.

A large planing mill belonging to Claude and Perry Washburn, and located on Spring creek, 20 miles north of Tahlequah, was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. The losses will amount to \$5,000 with no insurance. The cause of the fire is not known, but the indications are that it was the work of an incendiary.

George Collins was thrown out of a wagon by a runaway team a few days since and his head badly cut.

MORE CITIZENSHIP CLAIMANTS.

THIS WEEK.—(Continued from First Page.)

Eliza Long	Mary E. Farris et al	Catherine Duane
Mary E. Stone	J. A. Cathey et al	Zebulon V. Phipps
Mary Hunnigan	G. G. McPherson et al	Emaline Wall
Mollie B. Sempore	L. A. Springer et al	Delia J. Center
Rachel S. Hill	Caroline White et al	Sydney Claiborne
Lucy E. Webb	Mary Carvin	Celia Dyer
Mary J. Irvin	Roland Crawford	Malinda Patterson et al
Ben H. Webb	P. A. Houston	John D. Kennedy et al
Green W. Webb	Sarah L. Cottingham	Maria Crocker
Wm T. Webb	Phoebe Stout	Wm Crockett
Louella C. Wright	Martin	Henry Duffie
Lydia Hinds	Louisa E. Dickenson	Jerry Martin et al
Benj. F. Howell	Richard Dodson	Eliza Hughes et al
Meranda	Richmond Carroll	Martha Graybear et al
James K. Jones	Newton	Amos D. Fairman
John H. Block	Lillie Crain	Mary A. Roberts
Solomon Fields	Eldorado Robbins	Francis
Geo W. Webb	George W. Spears	James T. Webb
Wm Penneware	Samuel L. Webb	Joseph J. Webb
Nancy Daniel	James L. Webb	Moses Webb
Melvina Chrisman	Wm Webb	Annie L. Webb
John Coker	Robert	Charles Lewis McGuire
Bery F. Fields	Mary J. Goodwin	Thomas J. Johnson
Wm M. Webb	Mary J. Ellis	Mollie Evans
James Freeman	Moses Ferguson	Wm Parker et al
John H. Eddings	Lula Gibson	Joe B. Wilkins
Minnie	John S. Ferguson	Thos A. Webb
Rebecca Edwards	Susan E. Brent et al	John F. Wilson
Minnie	Wm Taylor Rich	Wm L. Webb
Albert Fields	Wm Taylor	Geo W. Daolin
Ralph	James T. Fletcher	Eliza Jackson ne Daolin
Abram	Benj F.	Annie Davis et al
Stacy Gorman	Tennessee Gorman	S. P. Faught
Margaret Hardcastle	J. E. T. Welch et al	Ellen Gregory
Salonia Howell	Lucy Monroe Michael	Robert Dixon
Eliz Hewerton	By Sarah N.	Nannie E. Phillips
Angeline Williams	Jesse Peter Ussery et al	Eliza H. Watkins
Louisa	W. E. Chisholm et al	Sophia Ring
Elizabeth Webber	Thomas J. Walling	Catherine Fuller
Ida Stockstill	Eddie	Robt E. Lee
Mary Ivy	Albert A. Whitlock	Richard
Maggie E. Morris	S. C. Ussel et al	Willie L.
Wm M. Oatman	Wm C. Chisholm	Wm L. Piper
Emilia V. Perkins	Eljah	Minnie B. Hara
Eliza Mason	Wm C. Hayes	Polly Payne
Sarah Matthews	Mary P. Beavers et al	Maud M. Nowland
Patsy Cline	Maggie Messick	Leul Leath Butler
Jess Nichols	J. J. McCandly	Nevada Dunbridge
Frank	Alfred	Lucy W. Young
Sarah E. Cole	C. S. Ross et al	John Gregory
Wm Cravens	Ida Station	James P. Crawford
John Dotson	Lottie Cordell	Minnie B.
Mary Marshall	Catherine Davis	Morgan
Elizabeth Bell	Geo D. Latham et al	John C. Ward et al
John Odell	Jackson Jordan	Thos G. Young et al
John F. Carter	Sarah H. Jordan	John G. Huddleston
Martha Lampkins	James A. Bond	Lucy J. Watts
Sarah Payton	Elizabeth Williams	W. R. Hanks
William F. Shaver	Alma Selly	Sarah J. Ruberson
Tennessee Barnes	Cathrine Riddleberger	Lena E. Jones
Sarah J. Williams et al	B. R. Chapman	Alpha Jane Hurley
Mahalia Gowers	Moses H. Jones	Anna Hanks
Daniel Eads	Clara J. Richards	Coedace Price
W. A. Goss	Dan A. Grounds	J. R. Baldwin
Madison Goodland	Andrew L.	Mary Scott et al
J. C. Lee	Griffin Oxenden	Silas K. Carney
Spencer VanWinkle	Marion J. Rider	John
Berry M. Vaughan	Nathan Rhodes	E. T. Youngblood
Louisa D.	Nathan Rhodes	Sam
Lydia L. Wolley	N. N. Hogan	John
Nancy E. Smith	John A. Panther	Alexander Little
John M.	David W. Long	James D. Ferguson
Annie	Theodore Stille	Mary A. Claws et al
Bert Stewart	Adelaide Roun	Darcus Holman
The children of Alice	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Pittman	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Lulu Bobo	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Sarah Bledsoe	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Elizabeth et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Louisa D. Vaughan	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Julia Wallace	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Becky Walker	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Rockie Mathews	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
B. D. Jones et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Mrs M. J. Neal et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Albert A. Hughes	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Francis Ridge	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John C. Walling et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Ann Ward	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
A. M. Thomas et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John F. Turner et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Lydia P. Southern	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John McDonald et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Lillie T. Julian	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Velvy L. Bishop	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Tine E. Tait	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
McKenzie Tibbs et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Prescilla Stedham	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Martha A. Todd et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Alice A. Booker	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John A. McGraw	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Mary A. Wyers et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Wm A. Byers	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
J. M. Cline	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Adelia Creekmore	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Sarah V. Davis	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Chas M. Burton	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Salona Redburn	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Mark King et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Riley Gains	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Elisha	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Adam	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
George	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Folly	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Rebecca	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Clara Wells	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Johnnie Jains	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Elia Read	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Sarah J. Hinson	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
James R. Fields	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Wm E. House	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John L. Turbine	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Delia E. Perse	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Deborah Smith	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Lafayette Shoat	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Ganda Downman	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Lou Ferson	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Almedy Short	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Eliza Bowman	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Dutch Baucum	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Meliza Brewer	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Mattie Jackson	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Ellen Nash	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Armenta Eads	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Nancy Bowman	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
James Brady	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Eliza McClear	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
James C. Brown	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Robert Cole	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Abraham	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John Hadler	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Eliza	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Nancy J. Parrott	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Martha Springer	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Elizabeth Wiggins	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Willie Parker	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Mary Thomson	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Jerry Reed	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Jerry Vann	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Nancy Vinson	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Millie White	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Laura Steward	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Mary S. Springer	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Frank L. Robinson	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Luna C. Foster	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Andrew J. Bain	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Gov. Ballew et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
John	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
H. H.	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Aaron	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Jack Bryant et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Vane Bryant Hicks	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Susan E. Browning et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Nora Baldwin	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Ismael Davis et al	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.
Louella C. Smith	Eliza J. McCormick	John S.

Daniel A. Barker
Emeline Pennington,
for the children of
Robt E. Faircloth
David Cook
Monroe Clark
G. M. Pennington
Catherine Adams
Henry Waters
W. W. Hader
W. F. Gille
Eliza T. Debon
Coza Demond
P. P. Edmonston
Jonah Davis
H. H. Thompson
H. Miller et al
Martha Graybear et al
Amos D. Fairman
Mary A. Roberts
Francis
James T. Webb
Joseph J. Webb
Moses Webb
Annie L. Webb
Charles Lewis McGuire
Thomas J. Johnson
Mollie Evans
Wm Parker et al
Joe B. Wilkins
Thos A. Webb
John F. Wilson
Wm L. Webb
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James P. Crawford
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Morgan
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Thos G. Young et al
John G. Huddleston
Lucy J. Watts
W. R. Hanks
Sarah J. Ruberson
Lena E. Jones
Alpha Jane Hurley
Anna Hanks
Coedace Price
J. R. Baldwin
Mary Scott et al
Silas K. Carney
John
Missie
Melinda Atkins
Dea Harpogal
James Atkins et al
Wm Clark Jordan

Judge Springer's Court.

CRIMINAL CASES.
John Deerton et al, larceny: continued and bond reduced to \$250.
Taylor Fields et al, larceny: continued and bond reduced to \$250.
Edie Huff, dismissed.
George Gambell, attempted rape: jury trial and verdict of guilty.

CIVIL CASES.
Johnson-Pite Hat Co. vs. E. M. Arnold: continued by agreement.
H. T. Simon Gregory Dry Goods Co. vs. E. M. Arnold: continued by agreement.

Stoughton Wagon Co. vs. E. M. Arnold: continued by agreement.
Wyer, Ackerman & Co. vs. E. M. Arnold: continued by agreement.
Hargardine-McKittick Dry Goods Co. vs. E. M. Arnold: continued by agreement.

Mo. Glass Co. vs. W. V. Carey: dismissed for want of prosecution.
George Andrews vs. F. M. Mills et al: stricken from docket.
Smith & McDuff Dry Goods Co. vs. S. M. Perry, (Swafford Bros. Dry Goods Co., interveners): continued by agreement.

Keiley Goodfellow Shoe Co. vs. S. M. Perry et al: continued by agreement.
Sam C. Davis vs. Nathaniel Skinner: continued by agreement.
Edson Keith & Co. vs. J. S. Thomson: continued by agreement.

Mayer, Schur, Offner & Co. vs. J. S. Thomson: continued by agreement.
Wm Orr Shoe Co. vs. J. S. Thomson: continued.
Wyman & Morshain vs. J. S. Thomson: continued.

John M. Lock & Co. vs. J. S. Thomson: continued.
Mansur Tabbets Insp. Co. vs. J. S. Thomson: continued.
C. H. Fargo & Co. vs. J. S. Thomson: continued.

Ledbetter & Tolbert vs. American Express Co., jury trial, judgment for plaintiffs.
Joseph Paul vs. German Insurance Co.: continued by agreement.
F. H. Wasson vs. H. C. Davis: dismissed by court at close of plaintiff's testimony.

Joseph Hunt vs. St. L. & S. F. Ry. Co.: dismissed by agreement.
George Falfair vs. Lou and Rattie Brown: continued by agreement.
J. A. Daly et al vs. J. S. Thomson: jury trial and verdict for \$100 for plaintiff.

E. B. Enigh vs. A. C. Sager: disagreement of jury.
Herman Bros. vs. R. B. Harris & Co.: judgment by default for \$781.68.
First National Bank, Independence, Kan. vs. W. A. Dyer et al: dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Mary J. Bachtel, administrator vs. Stone Murphy et al: judgment by confession.
A. C. Hall vs. S. E. Alstie et al: judgment by confession.
C. W. Mitchell, as receiver vs. W. F. Hiatt et al: judgment for \$3,170.92.

James Hart vs. W. F. Hiatt et al: judgment for \$11.18.
G. W. Fitzharr vs. S. M. Rutherford: dismissed by plaintiff.
McCorrick Harvester Co. vs. W. J. Landerson et al: judgment for \$160.16.

W. G. Hatfield, trustee vs. W. B. Mills: judgment by default \$474.75.
The Broadway Mfg. Co. vs. W. L. Trot: judgment for plaintiff for \$633.85.
Peters Shoe Co. vs. J. D. Blosser: judgment for plaintiff for \$706.87 with 6 per cent interest.

Evening
Annie G. Leche
Margaret A. Reed
Mary J. Douglas et al
Nancy Jones et al
Elizabeth Wiers
John A.
Nancy V.
Martha McGaughey
E. G. McCoy
Mabel Choat et al
Joley Ann Baldwin
Mollie Hurley
Mary Waddell
Olie
Chas W.
Delbert
Catherine Richardson
Geo W. Ward
Elisha C.
Giadda C.
Ester J.
Chas W. et al
Samuel P.
Adam E.
Emma J.
Peter C.
Henry W.
Ira A. et al
Ann E. Ellis
Emily H. Harper
Wm H. Smith
Bell Lee Master et al
Jos W. Ellis et al
Charles Stout et al
Willis H. Oxford
Levin Johnson
Frank Reynolds
Mira Dickey
Christian Monroe
Maggie Head
W. D. Oxford et al
Jane Kohl
Lizzie Moore et al
Lugina Jones
Cornelia C. Jones
Sarah E. Baker et al
J. W. Brackett
Thos B.
Susan J. Lawley
John M. Mathis
James A.
H. C.
James et al
Amanda Boles
Georgia Ann Webb
Martha Brackett
James P.
Maele Smith
Rosa Lee Wilson
Mollie Vann
Gae Orr
John
John
E. T. Youngblood
Sam
W. Manning
Nancy
Alexander Little
James D. Ferguson
Major C. Loggins et al
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